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1. BEGIN INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY. CANADIAN EMBOFF HAS PASSED US OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF CANADIAN STUDENTS WHO VISITED HARBIN, ANSHAN, SIAN, WUHAN AND CHANGSHA DURING LATE JULY-EARLY AUGUST. THE STUDENTS WERE STRUCK BY THE ABUNDANCE OF POSTERS AND THE APPARENT PERVASIVENESS OF CONCERN ABOUT URBAN LAWLESSNESS. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

2. HARBIN (JULY 28). A NUMBER OF RECENT POSTERS SIGNED BY VARIOUS FACTORY UNITS ATTACKED HEILUNGKIANG REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN (AND PARTY COMMITTEE SECOND SECRETARY) LIU KUANG-TAO AS A CAPITALIST ROADER. ONE POSTER DITTY CHARGED THAT "WHEN TENG CALLS LIU JUMPS" (TENG YI-CHIAO, LIU CHIU T'IAO). ANOTHER POSTER ATTACKED LIU FOR A SPEECH DELIVERED JULY 2. (COMMENT: THE JULY 15 FBIS DAILY REPORT FOR THE  
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REFERENCE ON EDUCATION IN THE PARTY'S BASIC LINE HELD FROM JUNE 29 TO JULY 6. LIU KUANG-TAO IS SAID TO HAVE DELIVERED A SPEECH AT THE CONFERENCE.) A BRITISH COUPLE RESIDENT IN HARBIN SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD THE STUDENTS, HOWEVER, THAT "A VERY SMALL GROUP" WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS ON LIU; THIS COULD BE DEDUCED, THEY SAID, FROM THE SAMENESS OF THE CALLIGRAPHY ON THE VARIOUS POSTERS. OTHER POSTERS IN HARBIN ATTACKED ONE CHAO TAN-CHEN (6392/0030/2650), (COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OR HONG KONG MIGHT HAVE ON SHAO.)

3. ANSHAN (JULY 29). IN ANSHAN, THE STUDENTS WITNESSED A VIGOROUS POSTER CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS AGAINST SHEN YUEH (3088/6390), IDENTIFIED AS A DEPUTY SECRETARY (FU-SHU-CHI SIC) OF THE ANSHAN MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. SHEN'S PRINCIPAL SIN, IT APPEARED, WAS VOICING AT SOME UNSPECIFIED JUNCTURE A TENG-LINE SENTIMENT: "I AM 58 YEARS OLD AND I DON'T FEAR BEING KNOCKED DOWN A SECOND TIME."

4. SIAN (JULY 30). CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE GUIDES WARNED THE STUDENTS THAT A "VERY COMPLEX CLASS STRUGGLE" WAS IN PROGRESS, "BAD ELEMENTS" WERE IN THE CITY, AND CRYPTICALLY, THAT THE STUDENTS "SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED." HENCE A NINE P.M. CURFEW WAS SLAPPED ON THE STUDENTS. WHILE IN SIAN, THE STUDENTS SAW THE FILM K'AI-SHAN TI JEN WHICH HAD PROVOKED THE WRATH OF LIU AN-CHUAN (REF A). AWARE OF THE BACKGROUND, THE STUDENTS VIEWED THE PICTURE WITH AN EYE TO DETERMINING THE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES. THEY SPECULATED THAT RADICALS MAY HAVE FOUND OBJECTIONABLE THE PORTRAYAL OF THE HERO: A PARTY MEMBER WHO SEEMED INSUFFICIENTLY TOUGH ON CAPITALIST ROADERS UNCOVERED IN THE COURSE OF BUILDING A RAIL LINE INTO THE MOUNTAINS.

5. WUHAN (JULY 31-AUGUST 1). HUSTLED TO WUHAN WITHOUT TRAVEL PERMITS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE EARTHQUAKE, THE STUDENTS WERE KEPT "VIRTUAL PRISONERS" IN THEIR HOTEL ROOMS AND WERE EXCORTEED BACK BY PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICIALS WHEN THEY VENTURED OUT INTO THE STREETS. WUHAN RESIDENTS SPONTANEOUSLY APPROACHED THEM TO COMPLAIN ABOUT CRIME, AND THE STUDENTS OBSERVED POSTERS CALLING ON PUBLIC SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO RECTIFY THE LAWLESSNESS. ONE POSTER ANNOUNCED--WITHOUT DETAILS--THE RECENT EXECUTION OF BANK ROBBERS.

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6. CHANGSHA (AUGUST 2). THE STREETS OF CHANGSHA REMAIN FULL OF POSTERS, MANY OF RECENT VINTAGE, ATTACKING PROVINCIAL SECOND SECRETARY CHANG PING-HUA (REF B). CHANGSHA RESIDENTS CLUSTERED AROUND THE POSTERS AND SEEMED ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE MOVEMENT. SEVERAL STUDENTS WITNESSED UP TO SIX OPEN PLATFORM TRUCKS, EACH CARRYING SIX PRISONERS WITH PLACARDS AROUND THEIR NECKS PRESUMABLY SPELLING OUT THEIR CRIMES. THE STUDENTS COULD NOT READ THE PLACARDS BUT COMMENTED THAT THE PRISONERS DID NOT

HAVE THE APPEARANCE OF COMMON CRIMINALS. VEGETABLES SEEMED  
IN SHORT SUPPLY IN CHANGSHA MARKETS, AND NIGHTFALL BROUGHT OUT  
FREE MARKET VENDORS HAWKING FOODSTUFFS, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, AND  
COATHANGERS.  
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